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SUBJ: U.S. GRAIN STOCKS IN SAHEL

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1. AS OF MARCH 31, TA 4604 SORGHUM REMAINING
IN STOCK IN N'DJAMENA LIMITED TO APPROXIMATELY
45 MT UNBAGGED COMMODITY DERIVED FROM BROKEN
BAGS. THIS STOCK IS IN GOOD SHAPE IN MODERN
CEMENT FLOOR WAREHOUSE. NO SIGNS INFESTATION.
EXPECT SUFFICIENT SACK AVAILABILITY WITHIN TWO
WEEKS IN ORDER TERMINATE REBAGGING AND DISTRIBUTION
OPERATION.

2. SINCE 15 FEBRUARY, 713 MT U.S. SORGHUM IN
GOOD CONDITION MOVED OUT OF NDJAMENA FOR FAYA
LARGEAU. OF THIS TOTAL, 550 MT WERE MOVED DURING
PAST THREE WEEKS AND ARRIVALS WOULD NOT YET BE
COMPLETED. EXCEPT FOR NEGLIGIBLE AMOUNT OF 19 MT
SHIPPED TO ABECHE LAST WEEK OF FEBRUARY AND 4 MT
SHIPPED SOUTH-WEST REGION DURING FIRST WEEK OF
JANUARY, ONLY OTHER MOVEMENT OF U.S. SORGHUM SINCE
MID-DECEMBER 1974 HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTION OF 1065 MT
ON OPEN MARKET IN N'DJAMENA ACCORDING TO PROVISIONS
OF TA. THEORITICALLY, DISTRIBUTION OF GRAIN TO
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PROVINCES PRIOR MID-DECEMBER HAS BEEN CONSUMED AND

IS NO LONGER IN STOCK AT STAGING POINTS.

CONCLUSION IS THAT WITH EXCEPTION OF STOCKS RESULTING FROM RECENT DELIVERIES TO FAYA LARGEAU AND NOMINAL GRAIN REMAINING N'DJAMENA, U.S. SORGHUM PROGRAM CAN BE CONSIDERED COMPLETED. ON-SITE INSPECTION AT LARGEAU AND CONFIRMATION OF STOCKS DEPLETION AT OTHER SITES NOT IMMEDIATELY POSSIBLE.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT TRAVEL TO ALL REGIONS IN NORTHERN AND EASTERN REACHES OF CHAD IS RESTRICTED FOR SECURITY REASONS AND SPECIAL PERMISSION REQUIRED ENTER THESE AREAS. EVEN WHEN PERMITTED, TRAVEL TO THESE POINTS IS DIFFICULT AND EXTREMELY TIME-CONSUMING. FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, CDO STAFF VISIT WOULD BE LIMITED TO SWING THROUGH AREA BY CHARTER AIRCRAFT. CDO ATTEMPTING ARRANGE SUCH TRIP WITH WFP REP UPON AVAILABILITY APPROPRIATE AIRCRAFT, HOPEFULLY WITHIN ONE MONTH'S TIME IN ORDER CHECK ON POSSIBLE REMAINING U.S. SORGHUM STOCKS AS WELL ASSESS GENERAL HUMAN-NEED CONDITIONS IN OUTLYING AREAS.

4. IT SHOULD ALSO BE POINTED OUT THAT POST CONSIDERS VERY UNLIKELY POSSIBILITY OF GOC REQUEST FOR RENEWED BILATERAL U.S. FOOD ASSISTANCE PRIOR COMING RAINY SEASON. GIVEN NATURE CANCELLATION OF TA 4604 PROGRAM LAST OCTOBER, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT, IF NOT FACE-SAVINGLY IMPOSSIBLE, FOR PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE TO EAT CROW SO SOON EVEN IF UNFAVORABLE FOOD SITUATION URGED HIM TO DO SO. FROM OUR STANDPOINT, WE WOULD BE WARY OF ANY PROPOSAL THAT WOULD GIVE WAY TO A PROGRAM AND SITUATION WHEREIN OUR ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS WOULD PRESS GOC BEYOND THEIR TOLERANCE POINT WITH RESPECT TO THEIR CONCEPT OF OUTSIDE MEDDLING IN CHAD INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THEREBY EXACERBATE OUR PRESENT GOOD RELATIONS AND JEOPARDIZE PROGRESS OF FARTHER-REACHING ELEMENTS OF OUR COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. IN ANY CASE, FOR PRACTICAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PURPOSES IT ALREADY TOO CLOSE TO RAINY SEASON REALISTICALLY CONSIDER LIKELIHOOD NEW FOOD IMPORTATION PROGRAM THAT WOULD REACH PEOPLE IN OUTLYING AREAS PRIOR NEXT HARVEST. THEREFORE, MONITORING OF SMALL AMOUNT SORGHUM REMAINING FROM TA 4604 PROGRAM QUOTE TO PERMIT AID DEPLOY FOOD RESOURCES TO MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE IN SAHEL OVER NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS UNQUOTE, AS STATED FIRST SENTENCE REFTEL,

NOT APPLICABLE IN CASE OF CHAD.

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